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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY WIFE OF FRENCH CABINET
MINISTER

1. MME. DENISE LECANUET, WIFE OF MINISTER OF
STATE LECANUET (WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF PLANNING AND
PRESIDENT OF CENTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY), TODAY APPROACHED
POLCONS AND PAO WITH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE PRIVATE
VISIT U.S. SCHEDULED JAN. 8-15. WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK
TWA 803 JAN. 8 AND HAS RESERVATIONS WALDORF-ASTORIA.

2. MME. LECANUET REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS OR, IF PREFERRED,
SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH FOLLOWING, WITH ALL OF WHOM SHE
PREVIOUSLY ACQUAINTED:

MR. JOHN RICHARDSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CU, AND
MRS. RICHARDSON
MR. SBIGNEW BRZEZINSKI
CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. WARREN BURGER

3. MME. LECANUET MUST REMAIN IN NEW YORK, WHERE SHE
IS LARGELY MAKING OWN ARRANGEMENTS PRIVATELY, UNTIL
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AFTERNOON OF JAN. 12. COULD COME TO WASHINGTON FOR
EVENING OF JAN. 12 AND REMAIN THROUGH JAN. 14, BEFORE
RETURNING PARIS JAN. 15 VIA NEW YORK.

4. MME. LECANUET SAYS SHE KNEW ASST. SEC. AND MRS.
RICHARDSON VERY WELL DURING MR. RICHARDSON'S WORK WITH

RADIO FREE EUROPE AND IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS REESTABLISH CONTACT. /WAS NOT SPECIFIC ABOUT PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH MR. BRZEZINSKI. AS WIFE OF THEN MINISTER OF JUSTICE HELPED ENTERTAIN BURGERS DURING CHIEF JUSTICE'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO PARIS 1975.

5. ALSO INQUIRES OF ASSTSEC RICHARDSON WHETHER A MRS. HUGHES, ALSO ACTIVE IN FREE EUROPE AFFAIRS SOME YEARS AGO, STILL RESIDENT NEW YORK CITY, AND IF SO WHERE TO CONTACT.

6. ALTHOUGH MME. LECANUET APPARENTLY RELUCTANT ENGAGE FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE AND EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR ESSENTIALLY PRIVATE VISIT, CLEAR THAT WE MUST COORDINATE AND SO TOLD MME. LECANUET. SHE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE RECEIVED BY EMBASSY, BUT WOULD, FOR EXAMPLE, PREFER A LUNCH TO A DINNER AND WISHES AVOID ANY FORMAL AFFAIR WHICH WOULD REQUIRE FANCY DRESS. WOULD PRESUME, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT FRENCH CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD WISH MEET AND ESCORT TO HOTEL ON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK, AND ALSO FACILITATE SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL WASHINGTON BY PLANE OR METROLINER.

7. REALIZE THIS IS SHORT NOTICE FOR CONTACTS REQUESTED, BUT WE ONLY INFORMED TODAY. WOULD APPRECIATE ALL ASSISTANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, AT LEAST PRELIMINARY RESPONSE BEFORE COB DEC. 30.

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